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(c) whether Government had given any direction to those companies in that regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The US Government on 27th December 2005 announced sanctions on two Indian companies under their national law.

(b) These companies are Sabero Organics Limited and Sandhya Organics and Chemicals Limited.

(c) and (d) Government has not given any direction to the companies with regard to imposition of these sanctions.

Anti-India hideouts in Nepal and Bangladesh

† 913. SHRI SHREEGOPALVYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRIVINAYKATIYAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand to eliminate the anti-India hideouts has been made to Governments of Nepal and Bangladesh;

(b) whether Nepal and Bangladesh based embassies have incriminating inputs with them;

(c) if so, whether they provide any periodic inputs to foil any conspiracy; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes.

(b) to (d) Government remain alert to all developments having a bearing on India's security and take all necessary measures to safeguard it.

Speed Post Centres Accepting Passport Applications

914. SHRI TT.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of speed post centres accepting passport applications in the country, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) whether Government propose to add more speed post centres to this list;

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be done; and

(d) whether Government would consider providing this facility in some sub-post offices in the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) At present, there are 1093 Speed Post Centres (SPCs) where passport applications are being accepted. The number of SPCs was increased from 220 to 1093 in September this year. A State-wise list of Speed Post Centres is given in the statement (See below).

(b) to (d) The extension of Speed Post Centres is a continuous exercise and will be done keeping in mind the comfort of passport seeking public and operational requirements.

Statement

State-wise List of Speed Post Centres

| Sl. No. | Name of the State | Existing SPCs |
|---------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 102 |
| 2. | Assam | 34 |
| 3. | Bihar | 16 |
| 4. | Chhattisgarh | 9 |
| 5. | Delhi | 65 |
| 6. | Goa | 3 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 71 |
| 8. | Haryana | 27 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 29 |
| 10. | Jammu and Kashmir | 14 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 24 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|-------|---------------------------|------|
| 12. | Karnataka | 44 |
| 13. | Kerala | 41 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 52 |
| 15. | Meghalaya | 10 |
| 16. | Tripura | 9 |
| 17. | Manipur | 5 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 5 |
| 19. | Arunachal Pradesh | 4 |
| 20. | Nagaland | 7 |
| 21. | Orissa | 25 |
| 22. | Punjab | 35 |
| 23. | Rajasthan | 35 |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 140 |
| 25. | Uttar Pradesh | 117 |
| 26. | Uttaranchal | 28 |
| 27. | West Bengal | 42 |
| 28. | Sikkim | 3 |
| 29. | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 1 |
| Total | | 1093 |

Gujarat's cities under JNNURM

915. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the Capital cities of the States are included into JNNURM;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to include the Capital city of Gujarat i.e., Gandhinagar under JNNURM;